

PAYING RESPECT



Nathaniel LaRue | Collegian
Members of the American Legion pass underneath the American flag on Poyntz Avenue during the Veterans Day parade Thursday morning.

Downtown Manhattan hosts parade along Poyntz avenue

Annual Riley Co. Veteran's Day and Parade honors past and present military

Jena Sauber
junior staff writer

Manhattan residents honored American veterans and current military in the Riley County Veterans Day Parade Thursday. Sponsored by the Flint Hills Veterans Coalition, this year's celebrations were dedicated to the Honorary Grand Marshal, Col. Dick Jepson, who passed away in August. "Dick, who was a veteran of World War II, was a founder of the coalition, and a main driving force in putting up the armed forces memorial in front of the Riley County Courthouse," said Bevin Landrum, military community liaison for Manhattan. "He was planned to be the Grand Marshal of the parade this year. He certainly was a key factor in starting this day. He will be greatly missed." Jepson served on the committee that started the annual parade and celebration in Manhattan, and was the chair of the coalition from 1993-2002. The coalition honored veterans and active military Thursday with various celebrations. "The celebrations are to honor veterans and are another opportunity to bring local active duty military at Fort Riley together with the community, our local

veterans and ROTC Army and Air Force cadets from K-State," Landrum said. "It is a chance to bring all those groups together once a year in a show of support of our veterans." The day started with a biscuit and gravy breakfast at VFW Post 1786 at 7 a.m. The annual parade down Poyntz Avenue started at 9:30 a.m. and featured military from Fort Riley, the K-State marching band and students from local elementary, middle and high schools. "Before Veterans Day, we have presenters give presentations in the local elementary schools," Landrum said. "We invited them to participate; there were well over 2,000 children marching in the parade. We are teaching them patriotism and respect for our veterans." The parade audience included elementary school students, veterans, active soldiers, families and K-State students. "I really liked the parade because it shows that we appreciate everything our soldiers do," said Saraya Penner, freshman in hotel and restaurant management. "I saw a little boy marching along with the soldiers who were walking in the parade, and it was really cute. I am so thankful for all that our soldiers do for us." Following the parade, a ceremony and luncheon was held at Manhattan City Hall. The ceremony featured a music program by Lee Elementary School, announcements of local essay, poster and patriotism contests and a keynote speaker, retired Maj. Gen. Thomas Romig.

Romig, currently the dean of law at Washburn University, is a native of Manhattan and a graduate of K-State. "We generally ask the commanding general at Fort Riley to be the keynote speaker, but the First Infantry Division Headquarters unit is currently in Iraq," Landrum said. In his speech, Romig thanked the veterans and those still serving in the military. "Our nation owes a great debt of gratitude to our veterans whose service has spread across each decade," Romig said. "Our veterans were there when our country needed them in major wars such as World War I and II, and in guerrilla wars such as Korea. Others stood by ready to serve the needs of our country." The Riley County Veterans Day Parade and celebration has a 16 year history in Manhattan. According to the Flint Hills Veterans Coalition website, the Manhattan celebration originated Nov. 11, 1992, with the dedication of a new commemorative plaque outside of the Riley County Courthouse, and the first ever Veterans Day Parade in Manhattan. Since then, Landrum said, it has been a day to honor veterans and those who are currently serving in the military. "They stand on the wall to keep us safe when no one else does. They, as one percent of the population, take the burden on their shoulders so we have the ability to vote and the freedom of speech while others go to fight," Landrum said. "They are the shining example of everything

SGA looks to increase game attendance

Students to receive rewards for attending set amount of women's basketball games.

Danny Davis
senior staff writer

In an effort to increase attendance at women's basketball games, Nate Warren, graduate assistant for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, said there will be rewards for attending set amounts of games. He made a presentation before Student Senate on Thursday night. There are four levels of rewards for students. For attending three games, students receive a shirt. For attending six games, they receive a glass tumbler and an entry for an iPod Shuffle drawing. Students who go to nine games earn a pair of K-State aviator sunglasses and an entry for a 32" flat screen TV drawing. Those who attend 12 games receive a K-State scarf and an entry into a drawing

for the grand prize, a trip for two to Chicago. "The number of students who've gone to all 12 games is fairly low, but we're hoping to improve that," Warren said. "But based on the past, if you go to all 12 games, you'll have a pretty good chance at winning a trip to Chicago." All expenses, including those for travel, hotel and activities, will be paid for the trip to Chicago, Warren said. The athletic department may include a Chicago Cubs baseball game in the package. For the men's basketball game against KU last year, students were required to register for a lineup due to capacity issues. One point was awarded per game attended and more points meant a better spot in the lineup. For groups of two to ten students, the average number of points within the group will determine the group's spot in line. This system will be used again

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Man-eating puppet entertains crowd



Jennifer Heeke | Collegian
Heather Haberberger (left), junior in applied music, and Sarah Quaranta (right), senior in theatre, perform the opening act of Little Shop of Horrors at McCain Auditorium.

Little Shop of Horrors opens to crowded house at McCain Auditorium

Lisa Barry
junior staff writer

A crazed, sex-obsessed, woman-beating dentist known as Orin stole the show Thursday night in McCain Auditorium during the opening night of "Little Shop of Horrors." "It's going to be hard to top the dentist," Nolan Fabricius, K-State alumnus, said during intermission. "He broke down the fourth wall; it was amazing." Originally a 1960 musical film, "Little Shop of Horrors" was remade in 1986 and has now been adapted for live theater. Gil Perez-Abraham, sophomore in theatre, juggled the roles of Orin and others. Aside from serving as the dentist villain, Perez-Abraham continued to portray different characters. Each character had a different voice and mannerisms, he said. "It's a stretch as an actor," he said. "Everyone else has one and I have

at least eight." The audience responded positively to Perez-Abraham's effort to bring comedy through each character. "He's one of my favorite characters, possibly of all time," said Courtney Ress, junior in English. Ress saw "Little Shop of Horrors" for the first time as a child and has been impressed with the Orin character ever since, she said. "He got really into the character," said Ben Buckles, senior in finance. To further exaggerate his character, Perez-Abraham took a very literal, hands-on approach with the audience, especially during a comically provocative song in which Orin flirted with Chiffon, Crystal and Ronnette, three girls who frequent the street in front of Mr. Mushnik's floral shop, where the musical takes place. In addition to flirting with the other cast members, there was not a single female seated in the front row of the audience who missed out on the actor's intentionally obnoxious personal interaction. Kyle Myers, junior in theatre,

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Skewed View

By Frank St. George



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To the students

Danny Unruh
Student Body President

K-State students,

I trust that this letter finds you successful following midterm season. The days are becoming shorter and the bustle of November is both welcome and exciting.

Last week, I attended the Big 12 Student Leadership Conference at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, along with Vice President Annie Oliver and Speaker Kyle Reynolds. First, let me say how fortunate we are to have the positive relationship among students, faculty and administration at K-State. While some of our peers talked about difficulties in communication among these groups, I was proud to say we truly epitomize self-governance at K-State, and that should make us all very proud.

Waco also opened our eyes to some great ideas, including ways we can better communicate with our constituents and ways we can articulate the rights that students have when it comes to their experiences at the university. We are in the process of introducing plans for both of these subjects before winter break, so keep your eyes peeled.

The Enhanced Classroom Experience Committee is also busy working to provide the best undergraduate experience in the Big 12. The groundwork has been laid for a very exciting examination of our students and the ways in which they learn. This information will serve as the catalyst for the development of a comprehensive plan for enhancing our classrooms.

The recommendations for the City/University Tax Fund will be presented to the Student Senate soon and will reach the desk of the university president before December. I applaud the relationship between town-and-gown that allows over \$550,000 to be allocated to city-university projects in a process that begins with students.

Finally, a big congratulations to coach Bill Snyder and the football team on reaching bowl eligibility. The way you represent K-State to the nation makes all of us proud. Additionally, kudos to the Pride of Wildcat Land for a great job this fall and thanks for all the work that goes into creating a great atmosphere for our fans.

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Emergency plans in place for at-risk citizens to have access to transportation

Pottawatomie County enacts registry system for individuals with vulnerable needs

Brittany Stevens
junior staff writer

Think back to the Dec. 2007 ice storm — inches of freezing rain coated everything in sight, making roads impassable across northeast and north central Kansas. Snapped power lines left more than half of Manhattan and surrounding communities without electricity or heat and lost landline and cell phone service severed most communication.

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What if you or one of your family members depended on that electricity to pump oxygen to your lungs, allowing you to live? What if you were called to evacuate your home but needed wheelchair-accessible transportation?

Crises can be difficult to navigate for anyone, but even more so for individuals with special needs.

In Pottawatomie County, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and the county health department

have joined together to create an emergency management-planning tool to aid possibly hundreds of citizens with special needs before, during and after emergencies.

In September, the emergency management division, along with United Way 2-1-1, generated an online special needs registry. United Way 2-1-1 is a 24/7 toll-free service available to Kansas citizens for a range of help services, including emergency assistance.

People with possible special needs are not only comprised of citizens with disabilities like sight or hearing impairments or those who require a wheelchair. The term also covers those who use special health equipment or service animals, and those who do not speak English or have limited English proficiency, said Chris Trudo, Pottawatomie County emergency management director.

The website for the new planning system, www.helpmekansas.org, also identifies people who live in institutionalized homes — children, the elderly, individuals of other cultures and those without a method of transportation — as citizens who might have special needs.

“There has been a need for us to identify these people in our communities for a long time,” Trudo said.

To register, Pottawatomie County residents can go to the Kansas Vulnerable Needs Planning System website or dial 2-1-1 for themselves, a family member or a friend.

Trudo encouraged citizens with special needs to register ahead of time — before a disaster strikes, whether it be an ice storm, tornado, blizzard or any other state of emergency.

The information provided to the registry is logged and mapped for use by public safety agencies, which then contact those with reported “vulnerable needs” to check in and ensure their needs are met during an emergency event.

Leslie Campbell, Pottawatomie County Health Department administrator, explained how useful the cataloged information would be if, for example, a tornado ravaged a particular part of the county.

With solid numbers of how many citizens with special needs lived within the area hit, public safety would know how many volunteers to send out or if the shelter nearby would need to make accommodations for those citizens. The

reported numbers could even help officials prioritize which shelter would receive the first available generator in case of a power outage.

“If we know how many that is, that will really help us plan in the long-run and where we can put our resources for that planning the best,” Campbell said.

The preventative planning deters clogging the emergency 9-1-1 phone lines and connects public safety officials with the personal contacts of those who registered in case officials cannot get in touch with the residents themselves.

“You try to find as many ways to get information out and emergency information out — the more apt you are to catch people with different disabilities,” said Andrea Blair, director of K-State Disability Support Services and education and personal development.

Although the organizations put the system in place to meet the needs of at-risk citizens, officials stressed that people should not suddenly think lightly of potential emergencies.

“This is not a response tool. There is no substitute for personal preparation,” Trudo said.

Auntie Mae’s will hold benefit for former employee

Austin Enns
senior staff writer

Auntie Mae’s Parlor in Aggieville will be hosting a benefit on Saturday in memory of Daniel Valentine, a former employee who died of pancreatic cancer in October.

Jeff Denney, owner of Auntie Mae’s, said all the money raised in the benefit will go toward a college fund for Valentine’s daughter, Alexis.

“We just wanted to do something for his daughter, Lexi. Dan didn’t have any money, didn’t have any health insurance; only had a couple part time jobs,” Denney said. “We knew most of his money was going towards bills, so we wanted to do something for him.”

Denney said artists and businesses in the Manhattan community donated many

paintings, ceramics and over \$2,000 in gift certificates for the silent auction. The live auction will feature items ranging from a tour of Tall Grass Brewery to items like a chainsaw and a kayak.

The silent auction will start at 5 p.m. and will be followed by the live auction around 7 p.m. After the auctions, two bands, The Heat Index and The Low End, will perform. Denney said once the bands start playing, the event would be limited to people over 21 years of age. He also said there would be no cover charge, but the band will be playing for donations that will go toward the college fund.

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Julia Remnant
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LaQuita Jackson
SENIOR, ARCHITECTURE

"That's kinda a way to get more money, I love football but probably wouldn't go to basketball as much. It's a waste of seats."



Andrew Grandon
JUNIOR, OPEN OPTION

To read more about the upcoming basketball game, check out today's Sports page.

GENDER BIAS

Anti-abortion law does not protect women, children



Cherry Leaym

In November, the Hainan province of China passed a law to ban abortion after 14 weeks of pregnancy. According to a Nov. 8 article by *xinhua-net.com*, the new law means women who are 14 weeks or more into their pregnancy can't get an abortion, except for medical reasons, and violators will be deprived of a future right to have kids. It is the first time China

has passed an anti-abortion law. China has long been known for its support of abortion rights and often waggles its fingers at countries that don't favor abortion, claiming that they don't respect women's rights to their own bodies. But it is not hard to figure out that the real reason the Chinese government supports abortion rights is not because they care about women's rights, but because they want to control the population. They forcefully abort "illegal babies" even when they are just one month away from being born. Similarly, this ban on abortion is not out of respect for unborn babies' rights, but for the control-

ling of gender ratios of future citizens. The 14 week point is the time that a baby's gender can be determined. Chinese parents' preference for boys drives them to selectively abort female fetuses, as Chinese families are only allowed one child per family. As of 2004, selective abortions meant there were 120 boys born for every 100 girls born, making a shortage of future brides for the men, according to a Sept. 14, 2004, MSNBC article. The Chinese government failed to prevent doctors from accepting bribery and aborting girls, and then decides to punish women for abortion. Interestingly, they have chosen to punish women's selective abortion with forceful

abortion: Violators of this new anti-abortion law will be deprived of future rights to have children — which means, of course, any future pregnancies will be forcefully terminated. Why is the Chinese government taking the gender ratio problem so seriously? Is it because they want to strengthen women's voices by increasing their numbers and elevating their social status? I would say no. Prevailing government concerns regarding gender ratio come from "social stability." The government believes men who can't find wives tend to be angry at society. If there are too many men who can't find wives, they will

threaten social stability. The only reason the Chinese government wants gender ratio normalized is because they want every man to have a wife, so men don't cause problems for them in the future. From forcefully aborting "illegal babies" to denying women's abortion rights and punishing violators with more abortion, people are treated by the government just like a farmer treats their crops: Their amount and variety need to be controlled for the farmer's profit; but the "crop's right" is the least of the farmer's concern.

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

K-State Geology Club educates local 4th graders

On behalf of all the fourth grade students of Northview Elementary School in Manhattan, I would like to thank John Harris, Chris Cook and David Meyer of the K-State Geology Club for their presentation on Nov. 4 at our school. The K-State Geology Club has helped more than 72 students create learning concepts that linked the science of geology to elementary school students' everyday lives. Their time and effort was an aid in making geology a fun and anticipated area of study in our school. The K-State Geology Club provided great ex-

amples of maps, tools and earth material specimens that ordinary elementary school children are unable to experience. By sharing their resources, they helped our local school exceed their normal learning expectations and gave elementary school students a chance to explore the science of geology at a level only K-State could provide. The club exemplifies the cooperative relationship of K-State and the surrounding community. Thanks for your participation in local learning.

Northview fourth graders

Welfare abuse inexcusable, passed on to future generations

I am not a student at K-State, but I am a member of the Manhattan community and a fan of the Collegian. Reading Jillian Aramowicz's Nov. 4 column about the abuse of welfare lit a fire under me. I am not writing this against her opinion but in favor. I am pleased to know others have the courage to speak out on this serious topic. More people abuse the system than we realize and the blame lies on both sides: first, the lazy people who work harder at getting a bigger welfare check than at working at a real job; and second, the government, which doesn't look into these situations which are usually fabricated — it just sends a check. There are jobs every-

where. McDonald's is always hiring and any paycheck not only pays the bills, but also makes you a respectable citizen working and trying to better yourself along with supporting yourself and your family. It amazes me - the friends and family I have seen abuse the system firsthand and accept bigger welfare checks than my own income just for sitting on their butts and having baby after baby. Turning these people in does no good when the government would rather look the other way than address the issues. I've seen it happen. I look forward to the day more people have the courage to speak out as Aramowicz has and address this issue that is more serious than anyone realizes. I

completely agree with the experiment to stop these welfare checks, even for six months, and make these people go to work or back to school to better themselves. Maybe the worst part is I've already seen the next generation believe this is an acceptable way to live and begin doing it themselves, not knowing any better. I hope for the day more people address these issues in politics, raise awareness and actively put an end to the assistance government hands out. I wouldn't worry about any hate mail you receive — I'm positive most of it will be from those living off the government.

Stacie Sonnakolb
Manhattan resident

Concealed carry scenario too 'perfect' for real life

The scenario that Danny Dennis presented in his Nov. 10 column "Concealed carry needed to increase campus safety," is persuasive. Of course, it's persuasive because it is convenient, neatly avoiding many of the factors that make concealed carry for students problematic. Davis' scenario presents a clearly identifiable "raging lunatic" armed with a non-concealable weapon, staging his attack in a space with clear lines of sight. In Davis' scenario it is immediately clear to everyone who is a "good

guy and who is not. Imagine yourself in a scenario that's not quite so clear. You are in the library, in the hallway heading to IT services. In the main space behind you, pistol shots ring out. Students scream and people run past you to get away. Here is your chance to live out that hero fantasy you've been nursing. You draw your handgun, which you have registered and trained with. Several nearby students see your weapon and scream, scrambling away from you.

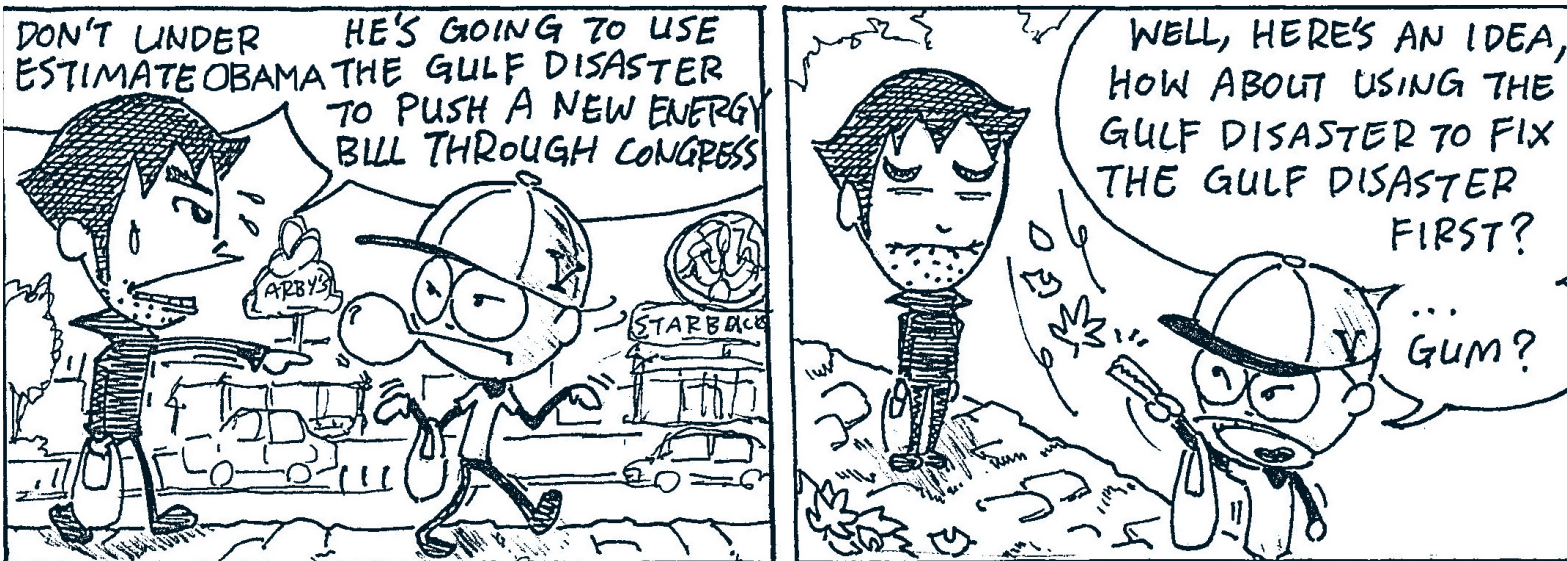
An agitated young man holding a pistol comes around the corner. He sees that you are also armed and begins to swing his gun toward you. What do you do? Is this the "bad" guy or is this another "good" guy? If he is a "good" guy, could he tell you are too? Either of you could conceivably be an accomplice of the original shooter. You have to weigh all the options in the moment his gun swings around, and so does he. The more students in this situation are armed, the more times these snap judgements

must be made, and the higher the chance that someone will judge wrongly, downing another "good" guy by mistake. By Davis' article, he is clearly skeptical about police response times, but let's give the officers the benefit of the doubt for a moment. What if a patrol car is nearby, and officers respond quickly? They are presented with a situation, which they must separate an unknown number of armed "good" guys from an unknown number of armed "bad" guys, all spotted over their own sunshirts.

Neat, clear scenarios like the one Davis described might be rhetorically effective, but this is not a reliably neat and clear world. In an adult discussion of this serious issue, we should responsibly discuss all the complications of introducing more armed agents into a variety of emergency situations, rather than spinning simplistic hero narratives.

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Leaders will step up for Wildcats



Ashley Dunkak

At about 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, men's basketball head coach Frank Martin looked tired. The Wildcats' fearless leader is rarely one to sugarcoat, and he held true to that as he talked to the media after practice. The team is dealing with a lack of leadership and just isn't very good right now, Martin said.

The Wildcats lost more than simply ability and basketball experience with the graduation of Denis Clemente, Luis Colon and Chris Merriewether and the transfer of Dominique Sutton.

Those guys, Martin said, are grown men. They knew what they were doing, knew how Martin expected it to be done, and knew he expected it in every practice, whether they were having a good day or a bad day.

This year, the Wildcats have only four upperclassmen who have been on the team before this season. Guard Jacob Pullen and forward Curtis Kelly are the seniors, and forwards Jamar Samuels and Victor Ojeleye are the juniors.

Right now, Pullen is the main one taking charge, but the job of leading a team is too big for one individual. His teammates are going to have to step up and help him out.

I'm not surprised this is an issue at the moment, and there are a couple reasons for that — neither of which I think will hinder the Wildcats in the long term this season.

First of all, as Martin said, the team lost some big-time leaders after last season, and it's going to take time for the current players to adjust to the new situation and to figure out who they need to be in order to best help the team.

Secondly, leadership is hard — leading by example, being a vocal leader, and taking your own time to help those around you improve. It requires selflessness, discipline and commitment.

Obviously, you always want to lead by example; when you act, you have to be cognizant that your colleagues are watching you and thinking, "Well, if he does it that way, I can do it that way too," whether you're doing your job the way you should or whether you're slacking off. You can't take days off as far as effort, because if you do, you send a message to those looking to you for a standard that consistency is optional. If you want to succeed, it's not optional.

Leading vocally presents an interesting challenge. "Constructive criticism" is a buzzword here, but people tend to use that term to gloss over the specifics of what needs to happen. When you see people doing something wrong, it's your responsibility to let them know, as nicely as possible, of course, because otherwise they'll continue to do it that way, and that will hurt not only that individual but also the entire group.

At the same time, you want to make sure to tell people when they're doing well, too. Encouragement inspires people; it shows them you have faith in their ability and appreciate their effort. Making a habit of taking time out of your day to give someone a "Keep up the good work," or, "Hey, that was awesome," makes a big impact.

Another component of leadership is one-on-one mentoring. Sometimes people can pick up tips and corrections on the fly, or they learn by observing, but when you see someone struggle, it can be good to just take the person aside and go over what you see happening to suggest and demonstrate the needed changes. Obviously, this requires your time — a precious commodity — and your patience. However, investing in others always yields a good return because it benefits the individual and the group.

The 2010-11 men's basketball team is going to have another excellent basketball season, and it will happen because Martin is the kind of leader who invests in others. He's the kind of leader who develops other leaders. Those same qualities are already evident in Pullen, and I have no doubt that we'll see them in other Wildcats as the season progresses.

It'll take some time, but it will happen.

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SEASON OPENER

K-State looks for leadership against James Madison

Tyler Scott
staff writer

After two big victories in exhibition play, K-State begins its 2010 regular season at 8 p.m. when the team will face the James Madison Dukes of the Colonial Athletic Conference in Bramlage Coliseum.

The Wildcats have used a plethora of players to contribute to their early success at home. However, head coach Frank Martin said leadership has been a bit of a problem so far.

"We're a very young team," Martin said. "We have a lack of leadership, and it still hasn't changed. We have to get some things figured out, and right now we aren't a very good team."

In K-State's last game, sophomore guard Rodney McGruder contributed a game-high 18 points. Senior guard Jacob Pullen also added 12 points against Washburn, and he scored 15 against Newman.

Pullen said the team needs to be willing to play the whole game, and it's still a work in progress as far as finding the right group of players.

He said K-State is young, with a new rope of players trying to find their roles on the team.

"We got to have 40 minutes of intensity and hard

basketball, which is the way we've played every year," Pullen said. "We have to turn turnovers into points, and so far we are trying to get accustomed to people playing a whole game."

Martin said junior forward Jamar Samuels will dress for the game, which will be nationally televised on ESPN. He said junior guard Devon Peterson, who transferred from Broward College in Florida, is still a question mark in terms of when he will get his first minutes.

Like K-State, the Dukes only have two seniors on their roster: forward Denzel Bowles and guard Ben Louis. Bowles led the team last year with 21 points and 10 rebounds per game, while Louis had five points per game and contributed an average of 27 minutes per game.

James Madison finished last season with a 13-20 record. In conference play, the Dukes only won four games and suffered 14 losses.

"They're a long, athletic and very talented team," Martin said. "They've got a big guy that could be a starter in the Big 12 and senior wing who can really score the basketball. We'll have to see which face of ours shows up Friday night, whether it be the one with leadership or the one with inexperience."



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Freshman guard **Shane Southwell** shoots a basket against Newman on Nov. 2 in Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats play James Madison at home tonight at 8 p.m.

Wildcats open regular season against Grambling State

Sophomore guard Mariah White moves the ball down the court against Washburn on Nov. 8 in Bramlage Coliseum. The cats play Grambling State today at home at noon.

Lisle Alderton
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Paul Harris
staff writer

The K-State women's basketball team opens up its regular season against the Grambling State Tigers today at 12 p.m. The game is the first of this weekend's Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic.

The Wildcats enter the tournament on a high note. During the two exhibition games, K-State averaged 91 points, shot over 50 percent from the floor and forced 42 turnovers.

K-State has been extremely successful in the Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic and holds a 27-3 record there. The Wildcats have played in the championship game every year and hold an eight-game winning streak. If K-State wins this weekend, it will be its fifth consecutive title in the tournament.

Sophomore guard Brittany Chambers averaged 16.5 points during the exhibition slate. Freshman forward Brianna Kulas has come up big for the Wildcats as well, averaging 15.5 points per 16 minutes of action.

Junior forward Jalana Childs and sophomore guard Taelor Karr also put up double figures, 13.5 and 10.5 respectively, during the exhibition games.

This is the second time in years K-State has opened up the Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic against Grambling State. Last year, K-State beat Grambling State 87-62. In the second half, the Wildcats barely outscored the Tigers 40-36.

Head coach Deb Patterson has used this as a talking point to keep her troops motivated.

"I have made that point a couple times," she said.

Patterson said she believes Washburn outplayed her team in the first half of Monday's game. If they had been playing a team the caliber of Grambling State, Patterson said, the score would have better indicated this.

Grambling State returns its entire starting lineup from last year.

Senior guard Kristen Harper was an All-SWAC third team selection last year after averaging 7.9 points per game. She led

the conference in three-point field goal percentage and three-point field goals made.

Secrett Anderson, a 5-foot-11-inch senior forward, has averaged 10 points per game and seven boards per game.

Head coach Donnita Rogers is in her third season on the Tigers' bench. The team went 13-15 last season and 10-8 in conference play. Grambling State is 2-4 in its four previous trips to the Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic.

If K-State wins against Grambling State, the team will face the winner of the St. John's and Marist game.

"They (Marist) are the consummate NCAA upset tourney team," Patterson said. "St. John's is on the same talent level as Notre Dame, Texas and Texas A&M."

St. John's and Marist both played in the 2009-10 NCAA tournament. St. John's lost in the second round, while Marist bowed out in the first.

If the Wildcats lose today they will play at 12 p.m. Saturday. If they win, they will play at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Match two against Baylor is test of strength for K-State

Sam Nearhood
senior staff writer

"I did a radio show this morning with JuliAnne Chisholm," said K-State head volleyball coach Suzie Fritz. "And I think she put it best, and that's that we want to put our best against their best and see what happens. That's kind of the consensus, is that we certainly can put a better product, a better foot forward, and that's what we intend to do."

And that's what they better do, because last time it was not so pretty.

This weekend, Baylor University (13-13, 6-9 Big 12 Conference) travels to the Sunflower State for the first time to play against K-State (10-16, 4-11).

When the two teams last met almost a month ago, the general opinion was the match could have gone either way. Each team had its strengths and weaknesses, and the fans and media predicted a solid contest with guaranteed excitement.

It did not go down like that. Instead, the Bears completely swept K-State and were never behind in any of the games. As Fritz put it, her team's performance was less than desirable.

"We played very poorly the last time that we played them down there," she said.

This time, however, the competition does not appear to have changed much in favor of the Wildcats, she said.

"I think they're better than they were the first time we played them," Fritz said.

One of the reasons the head coach gave for Baylor's improvement was the reinstatement of senior outside hitter Ashlie Christenson, who did not play in the last match-up in October.

Christenson has not played in every match so far, but she still ranks among the best on her team. With 2.97 kills per game and a .187 hitting percentage, she certainly has a heavy cannon in place of what should be her arm, but it seems to weigh her down too much when it comes to defense, as her blocking ability seems less than stellar.

A bit farther up in the stats for the Bears is middle blocker Elizabeth Graham. The 6-2 senior, who is just this season beginning to see some serious action on the court, leads her team offensively with a .315 hitting percentage and 2.70 kills per game and defensively with a whopping 1.36 blocks per game, enough for a second-place ranking in the conference.

"They're very balanced in terms of involving everyone in their offense," Fritz said. "That makes them a little bit difficult to defend, because you have to worry about all of them."

For Baylor, though, it is the back row that really shines.

"Defensively, they're an extraordinary team, one of the top teams in terms of digging balls," Fritz said. "They extend rallies, and so you have to play well for long periods of time."

She certainly has that right. Baylor has the third-most efficient squad in the nation as measured by balls dug per game, with senior libero Caitlyn Trice leading the Big 12 with 5.25 digs per game. K-State's senior libero, Lauren Mathewson, pulls in at a close fifth with 4.79.

First serve is set for 7 p.m. Saturday in Ahearn Field House.

Sophomore setter, **Caitlyn Donahue** sets the ball for a teammate against Texas Tech on Nov. 3 in Ahearn Fieldhouse. The cats play Baylor Saturday at 7 p.m. at home.



Matt Binter | Collegian

ART OF WAR

Paintballing offers fun alternative to time spent at home



Balasubramany Meenakshisundaram

What do you like to do with your friends for a pleasant weekend? You could go watch a movie if you are a couch potato, or you could go fishing if you are patient enough. You could take a stroll through the mall if you like watching people. You could go skiing or boating on the lake if you are adventurous. You could go out of town to neighboring states and have some fun, if you could afford it. You could do a number of not-so-fun things. But if you would like to try something different, you could check out the new Flint Hill Paintball course.

Thomas Lin, a Manhattan resident originally from Taiwan, started Flint Hill Paintball in the nearby town of St. George, Kan. The paintball course, covering an area of about 4 acres, opened in September.

Lin didn't start playing paintball until May 2010. He was introduced to the game by his friend, Robert Wang, who is part of the Vampire Paintball Club.

"He wanted me to join him because I do some shooting, so I tried it and fell in love with it," Lin said, reminiscing about his early days playing paintball.

The club had to travel to Lawrence to play. In just six months of playing the game, Lin transformed from a player to a proud owner of a paintball course.

Flint Hill Paintball was established in collaboration with Tim Minges, his friend and landlord who leased the land to Lin to be used for the course.

"Most of the money for this came



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from my personal savings," Lin said.

The course in Lawrence, Drop Zone Extreme Sports, is more expensive compared to the Flint Hill course, especially considering the travel time and other logistics. Flint Hill Paintball costs \$30 per person for a day. This includes a face mask, gun, a full day's worth of air and the first 200 rounds of paintball. After that, customers will have to buy extra rounds at \$15, \$30 or \$45 for 500, 1,000 or 2,000 rounds, respectively. This is less expensive than the \$23, \$40 or \$75 for the same number of rounds charged at Drop Zone Extreme Sports. Also, larger groups get discounts at Flint Hill Paintball. According to the Flint Hills Paintball website, cash is the only acceptable



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Paintball players have a variety of options about protective gear when playing. Some prefer to just wear old jeans and a layer or two of long shirts, however protective vests and helmets are also common accessories for paintballers.

form of payment due to the facility limitation.

"We have lower rates than others because this is a student community," Lin said.

Safety is a primary concern and every player has to sign a waiver form upon entering the course. For the same safety reasons, people are also advised not to fire in close range, which is six meters or about 20 feet, because it could cause bruising or injury since the guns use high-pressure air to fire the paint pellets. The safety equipment rented out does not include vests and other protective gear, hence this safety advisory. Players are encouraged to wear long-sleeved shirts and full pants so as to ensure minimal body contact.

Customers can always bring in their own equipment, protective gear, guns and paint, although they do not allow certain brands of paint, including Liberty Paintballs, Monster Ball and Visible Impact, for safety reasons and to prevent staining.

The game is good exercise if players indulge in running, crawling and other such activities.

"But people prefer to rather hide behind the walls and play a more tactical game," Lin said.

The course can accommodate about 50 to 60 players at a time.



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The Flint Hill Paintball course does not allow Visible Impact, Liberty or Monster Ball paintballs because of their potential to cause injury or permanent stains. The course has paintballs available for purchase or players can bring their own as long as they fit within regulations.

They also have plans of expanding the course this year or in the spring of 2011 to accommodate more people based on the response from the local population. Lin is enthusiastic about the turnout so far, and said more than 30 people have come to the course to play some weekends.

Paintballing is affordable and, for people open to trying new things, it could be a welcome find. Make your own group, get out there on the course and flaunt your accuracy and tactical skills. It could be a good way to celebrate a friend's birthday as a large group if you want to do some-

thing out of the norm or just have a social bonding time with your research team members apart from the coffee in the K-State Student Union or the weekly lunch meetings.

I think this is a great new avenue of activity for the people of Manhattan and neighboring towns. Lin is enthusiastic about the turnout so far, and said more than 30 people have come to the course to play some weekends.

According to the official website, www.flinthillpaintball.com, the course is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday afternoons or Sundays by appointment.

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Early planning ensures fun during Thanksgiving break at home



Elena Buckner

The holidays are coming. Decorations lining store walls and shelves as well as the plethora of warm and wintery specialty drinks popping up at coffee shops make that fact undeniable. It's not yet time, however, to start making gift lists and shopping for Thanksgiving turkey. What is it time to do? Mentally and physically prepare for the chaos that is the holiday season.

Just one short week from now, many K-State students will be loading up a car to make their way home for

a week of family, food and — hopefully — relaxation. Whether a freshman or senior, the transition from school to home is not always smooth, so it is important to mentally prepare for the extended time living under a parent's roof before actually reaching the front door.

One of the first things to remember is families generally look forward to seeing their long-lost college students when they come home for a break, so it is important to respect that and be sure to spend quality time with them toward the front end of the break so they do not get the impression you came home only to see friends and eat the free food. Even if this is true, consider a little bit of time with the family as a fair trade for the copious amounts of food you will probably have, for free, throughout the week and especially on Thanksgiv-

ing Day.

Living with parents and possibly siblings after spending the past three months with only peers can a bit of a culture shock for some students, so take a moment or two to mentally prepare and remind yourself of what life will be like at home. Many parents, even the strictest, respect the new freedoms and autonomy students have and don't enforce many rules and regulations over the break, however, they often still expect common courtesies like knowing when and if you are coming home at night. Just like at school, it's a good idea for the people you live with to know where you are going at night but, unlike at school, "changing plans" and deciding not to make it home without telling anyone is highly discouraged.

Parents and students alike have to make adjustments each break in order to find a happy

balance of freedom and accountability, so be patient the first few days as everyone gets used to being together again.

As you look forward to all the delicious meals that come with Thanksgiving break, keep in mind the effect they may have on your health. There are a variety of options when it comes to food mindset: Diet and work out early in order to eat guilt-free later; firmly resolve to limit junk foods, extra calories and carbohydrates; or remind yourself that you simply don't care at all and eat whatever you want whenever you want, without changing your exercise routine. While health experts may disagree, any of the above options are completely acceptable decisions. The trick is choosing one and sticking to it.

If you decide it's OK to eat three slices of pumpkin pie, don't be surprised when you have a bit of a stomach ache

or a "food baby" that manages to stick around when you get back to school. If limiting quantity is your thing, come up with a go-to line to explain multiple times just why you aren't eating more of Aunt Lisa's world-famous stuffing, then stick to your guns when people set the dish in front of you to test your resolve. When going the work-now-eat-later route, come up with a realistic plan for yourself and follow through with it on the days leading up to Thanksgiving — writing a diet and exercise plan on a piece of paper is a step in the right direction, but that in itself does nothing for your actual goal.

The last thing to prepare for the break is the project or two you are guaranteed to have due the week we get back to school. Teachers assume a weeklong break is synonymous with "students need something to fill their time" and

assign large assignments with the thought that "they have a whole week to do it." Don't let their thought process limit your fun. Either get the work done before the break or plan a day early in the week to work on it. That way, if you have to finish things up Sunday night when you get back, you at least have a good start on things and don't have to throw everything together in a few hours.

The Thanksgiving holiday is meant to be full of fun times, reunions with friends, family outings and delicious foods, but arguments with parents or sugar-induced headaches can quickly reduce that enjoyment. However, a moment or two of thoughtful planning in the week leading up to the break can limit the inconveniences and ensure a fantastic break.

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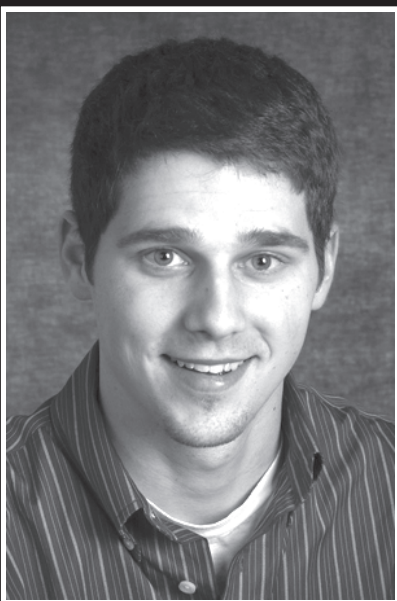
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Guarding a memory



Cadet Quincy Whitham, sophomore in geography, natural resources and environmental sciences, stands guard at the K-State Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Thursday afternoon. The guards were switched every hour for 24 hours.

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Greek organization, business join in fight against cancer

Group raises money for third year to benefit Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research

Pauline Kennedy
campus editor

Students of the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity plan to gather in the parking lot of Ray's Apple Market today and tomorrow in the hopes of raising money for the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research.

This is the third year the co-ed fraternity within the College of Business Administration is coordinating Cats Against Cancer, a philanthropy aimed at raising money for cancer research at K-State.

"We want to do something that helps the campus and also the community, where with the money we raise, people are going to know exactly

where it's going," said Stacey Gorrell, senior in accounting and member of Alpha Kappa Psi. "With the cancer research center, all of the money that we raise goes straight towards research."

The philanthropy is an all-month fundraiser, but to help raise money, the fraternity will be hosting a barbecue in the market's parking lot at 3007 Anderson Ave. today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. On Saturday, the group will be joined by KBLs 102.5, which will be broadcasting the event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The barbecue meal will cost \$3 per person and include chips and a drink. Half of the money from the meal will go to Ray's to pay for the food, and the other half will go directly to the research center.

At the event Gorrell said the fraternity will also be taking donations for a raffle, with prizes ranging anywhere from an iPod to a football signed

by the K-State football team. There will also be gift certificates to several stores around Manhattan and on campus. The prizes have been donated to the fraternity, and Gorrell said all of the money from the raffle will go to the research center.

"This is something where everyone in the community helps out the university and this is to go back to the community also," she said.

Gorrell said last year they raised around \$2,000, and with KBLs 102.5 helping out this year, they hope to exceed last year's donations.

"We got a lot of our donations last year from students and campus," she said. "Now we're trying to reach out to the community; a lot of people don't know we have the basic cancer research center."

Those who would like to make a donation but are unable to attend the event can e-mail Gorrell at stacey29@ksu.edu.

SGA | alternatives established for basketball ticket stamping

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This system will be used again this year for the KU game and potentially for other games, like the one against Baylor.

Since Tuesday's game is played during the day and there is a game on the Friday following Thanksgiving, Warren said some students may not be able to attend these games. There are alternatives for students that want to have their ticket stamped every game for the point tally, like giving their ticket to another person who

can attend.

"We've tried to be flexible and understand there are classes going on; more students than usual can't make it to the game," he said. "Missing one or two games isn't going to kill anyone's chances of getting into the KU game."

Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution commending Jack Connaughton, associate director of the K-State Student Union. Connaughton plans to retire on Dec. 3 after serving the Union for more than 30 years.

"We are losing a great col-

league at K-State," said Gayle Spencer, associate dean of student life. "I liken him to Brett Favre; for the past four years he's been telling me he's retiring."

Bill Muir, faculty representative, called Connaughton the "go to person" for help. Tim Lindemuth, faculty representative, said Connaughton made his life easier when he helped set up press conferences for Landon Lectures. The associate director would always offer to help, asking if Lindemuth needed water or more lighting for the room.

LITTLE SHOP | play shows dark side

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starred as Seymour Krelborn on McCain's stage. He reflected on all of the hard work the cast put in to the show. "It has been a long process," he said. "It has been a grueling process, but has been very very rewarding."

Setting itself apart from the average musical, "Little Shop of Horrors" features rock music with a doo-wop feel and a plant that talks and eats people, Myers said.

"The 80s movie really traumatized me as a child," said Fabricius. "It's pretty dark."

Other than a plant evolving into a man-eating monster, Perez-Abraham's Orin character contributed heavily to the dark themes of the musical. Nothing about his character is endearing, yet the audience laughed again and again at the twisted humor

that was this character.

Even though the musical stays the same, Perez-Abraham expects each audience to respond slightly differently, as he has seen happen with past performances.

"It's serious at the right times and it's funny at the right times," he said. "I'm excited to see what the audience thinks is funny."

Perez-Abraham also recognized the efforts of the cast and crew as a team. "I really enjoy seeing everyone out there working," he said. "We have put a lot of hard work into this."

"It's a character-based show and we have some really great actors with great voices," Meyers said.

Ress, Fabricius, and Buckles all agreed with Myers.

"I knew some people in the play; I knew they were theatre people, but I didn't know they

could all sing," Fabricius said.

"It was highly entertaining," Ress said.

The evolving puppet, elaborate costumes, strong vocals and overall great quality acting on the part of the entire cast and crew were all spot on according to these audience members.

"Little Shop of Horrors" will be performed in McCain Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday, and there will also be a matinee performance on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the McCain box office from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or in the K-State Student Union Little Theater box office from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. They cost \$11-\$16. The McCain box office is also open approximately 90 minutes before each performance, according to the auditorium's website.

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